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SUBJECT: FORMATION OF NEW PRIVATE ENERGY COMMITTEE IN JAPAN

SUMMARY. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AN ANNOUNCEMENT RECENTLY RELEASED ON
FORMATION OF AN OVERALL ENERGY PROMOTION COMMITTEE IN JAPAN.

THIS COMMITTEE WILL APPARENTLY INCLUDE MOST INFLUENTIAL JAPANESE
BUSINESS LEADERS IN ENERGY FIELD, AND WILL PLAY KEY ROLE IN DEVEL-
OPMENT OF FUTURE

ARVHZVDG# POLICIES AND IN COORDINATION
WITH OTHER COUNTRIES. END SUMMARY.

1. BEGIN TEXT (UNCLASSIFIED). PRIME JELSRAS#. AN ORGANIZATION
TENTATIVELY CALLED ENERGY OVERALL PROMOTION COMMITTEE SHALL BE
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FORMED IN AN EFFORT TO COPE WITH RAPIDLY DEVELOPING WORLD ENERGY
AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS, AND THE SO-CALLED QUOTE ENERGY CRISIS

UNQUOTE. FORMATION OF THIS GROUP ALSO REPRESENTS AN ALL-OUT EFFORT BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO PROMOTE LONG-RANGE INTERNATIONAL COORDINATION OF ENERGY POLICIES.

ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP. THE ENERGY OVERALL PROMOTION COMMITTEE SHALL BE CHIEFLY COMPRISED OF FOUR ECONOMIC ORGANIZATION LISTED IN (A), WITH COOPERATION FROM OTHER INDUSTRY GROUPS MENTIONED IN (B). ITS ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE SHALL BE ESTABLISHED INDEPENDENTLY.

(A) KEIDANREN (FEDERATION OF ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS), JAPAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, KEIZAI DOYUKAI (COMMITTEE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT), AND KANSAI FEDERATION OF ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS.

(B) THE FEDERATION OF ECONOMIC POWER COMPANIES, PETROLEUM ASSOCIATION OF JAPAN, PETROLEUM PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION, ATOMIC ENERGY CONGRESS, GAS INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION, JAPAN FOREIGN TRADE COUNCIL, INC., THE JAPAN IRON AND STEEL FEDERATION.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS. SEVERAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS SHALL BE SELECTED AT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE GROUPS (A) AND ITS CHAIRMAN BE ELECTED FROM AMONG THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

ACTIVITIES. THE COMMITTEE IS PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTIVITIES LISTED BELOW:

- A. EXCHANGE OF OPINIONS AND INFORMATION ON ENERGY POLICIES ON A WORLD-WIDE BASIS.
- B. COORDINATION AND PROMOTION OF NATIONAL PROJECTS RELATED TO OIL DEVELOPMENT.
- C. DEVELOPMENT OF LNG AND URANIUM RESOURCES AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF IMPORT PROJECTS.
- D. ASSURED SUPPLY OF ENRICHED URANIUM.
- E. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON THE SAFETY OF NUCLEAR POWER.
- F. MEASURES TO FACILITATE ACQUISITION OF INDUSTRIAL SITES FOR ELECTRIC POWER STATIONS.
- G. CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE EFFECTIVE USE OF ENERGY RESOURCES.
- H. NEW TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT FOR ENERGY RESOURCES.

COMMITTEE'S RELATIONS WITH GOVERNMENT AGENCIES. THE ENERGY OVERALL PROMOTION COMMITTEE SHALL MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACTS WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND, IF IT DEEMS APPROPRIATE, HOLD CONFERENCES WITH GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES IN ORDER TO SMOOTH OUT COMMUNICATION BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS CONCERNING ENERGY POLICIES IN JAPAN. END TEXT.

2. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. SOURCE AT KEIDANREN TOLD EMBOOF OCT 11 THAT PRESENT THINKING IS THAT HEADS OF FOUR ORGANIZATIONS LISTED IN 2-A ABOVE, I.E. KOGOBO UEMURA (FEO PRESIDENT), KAZUTAKA KIKAWADA (CHAIRMAN, DOYUKAI), SHIGEO NAGANO (JCCI PRESIDENT), AND YOSHISHIGE ASHIHARA (KANSAI FEO PRESIDENT) WOULD BE

NAMED ADVISORS TO COMMITTEE. COMMITTEE MEMBERS WOULD PROBABLY INCLUDE SOICHI MATSUNE, PRESENT CHAIRMAN OF KEIDANREN ENERGY COMMITTEE; SOHEI NAKAYAMA, COUNCILLOR OF INDUSTRIAL BANK OF JAPAN; TOSHIO DOKO, CHAIRMAN OF TOSHIBA; HIROKI IMAZATO, PRE-IDENT OVERSEAS PETROLEUM CORP; YOSHITO SHIMADA, PRESIDENT OF JAPAN PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT CORP (JPDC); AND OTHERS. MITI ENERGY ADVISOR MOROZUMI WILL SERVE IN EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ROLE FOR GROUP. SOICHI MATSUNE IS REGARDED A FRONT-RUNNER FOR COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ACCORDING TO KEIDANREN SOURCE. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.

3. FURTHER COMMENT FOLLOWS IN SEPTTEL.
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